

JANUARY 8, 2023
11:00AM — SANCTUARY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEST WAYNE STREET



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're so glad that you are here! If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the information on the Get Connected card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today. — Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner, Rev. Ann Pitman and Resident Pastor Maxwell Michaels

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE As with Gladness Men of Old
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Wayne L. Wold

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break
a bruised reed.

**We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim
flame.**

Both these things are true:

Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,

And our Savior is like a lamb.

Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

**Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls
us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.**

†**HYMN NO. 482** Baptized in Water

Bunessan

†INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Those who know God and love God are called to righteousness. We are called, through God, to open the eyes of the blind and establish justice on earth. Yet, we turn time and time again away from this calling. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

†RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 150 As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX



As with gladness men of old did the guiding star be - hold;
as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

AMOS 7:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Eternal Light Shine in My Heart

Eugene Englert

Chancel Choir

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes, eternal power, be my support eternal wisdom make me wise. Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me to see. O Spirit; give me breath, Eternal Savior come to me. O come to me. By your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you my eternal God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JAMES 2:14-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Burning Down the House”

Pastor Maxwell Michaels

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†**HYMN 486** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Children of the Heavenly Father

Robert A. Hobby

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Book of Common Worship*)

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established.

Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love.

In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

LITANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (*Book of Common Worship*)

O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed, “This is my beloved Son,” and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

Lord, have mercy.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC What Is This Lovely Fragrance?

Healey Willan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

†**HYMN 485** We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

†**BENEDICTION**

†**POSTLUDE** Chorale Prelude on *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

Wayne L. Wold

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Lorraine H. Davis
by the Philip R. Davis family.

SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 482: Baptized in Water - Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

TEXT: Michael A. Saward, 1981

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

Hymn 486: Child of Blessing, Child of Promise - This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

TEXT: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959

Hymn 485: We Know That Christ Is Raised - Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967, alt.

MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

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Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm

Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm

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Prayer List or to Request Pastoral Care: If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list or are seeking pastoral care, please contact the church office at 260-426-7421. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

Hospital Stays: Hospitals are unable to give us information when a member is admitted. Please be sure to ask someone to contact the church office so that a Pastor may attend to the member in need.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters: Steve Weissner and Judy Mettler

Ushers: Dave Beer, Ron Gumbert, Tom Mettler, Judy Mettler,
Charlotte Epling

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir: **Soprano:** Irene Ator, Christa Cook, Susan Dorion, Rachel Parker, Ellis Pedersen, Sandy Shearer **Alto:** Angela Green, Joan Kern, Jane McGeehan, Mary Jane Ormerod, Fran Page, Cassandra Petrie, Jill Therrien, Mary Winters **Tenor:** Andre Burns, Quinton Davis, Marj Sapp **Bass:** David Beer, David Belew, Joe Foltz, Mikey Guerin, Scott McMeen, Jim Mergenthal, and Kip Ormerod

Live Stream: Dick Florea

Communion Preparers: Anita Wolfe, Anne Barnett,
Marj Sapp

Sound: Jeff Slater

Communion Servers: Tom Mettler, Joyce McGiffin, Sally Swihart, Ron Kohart, Vernell Fettig,
Marj Sapp

ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 8, 2023

Thank you for joining us today! We hope you'll return for Worship on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at the 11:00am English service in the Sanctuary or for the 11:00am Korean service in McMillen Chapel. Both services are also available to attend remotely via live stream on the website at www.firstpresfortwayne.org, or on YouTube.

MISSIONS

Monthly Food Pantry Collection: The Food Pantry relies on your donated food or money to support its program of feeding families caught in crisis situations. First Pres Hunger Relief will be collecting food at the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Food items and monetary donations may also be left at the church office during the week.

The First Presbyterian Church food needs are:

Boxed or bagged dry cereal

Peanut butter

Egg noodles

Libbys sausage and gravy (canned)

Brownie mix

Apple sauce cups

Boxed or bagged mashed potato mix

Family size soup (any flavor)

All three agencies are requesting gently-used plastic grocery bags (no holes) which they use for distribution of the food items. We prayerfully hope that you will find it in your hearts to support these efforts.

Rescue Mission Meal Cookie and Cornbread Collection:

The reservation book is in the front office to sign up for the Rescue Mission cookies and cornbread. Please bring your contributions to the church by the third Sunday, January 15th, 2023.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Nursery Available for Infants thru Pre-School: Jesus loves the little children, and we do, too! Should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child is always invited to drop in. Ask the office volunteer for a key fob and directions, and our skilled child care employees will be excited to welcome your child while you worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP—STUDY

Table Talk: Table talk will resume regularly scheduled meetings January 11, 2023. The group will continue to meet via Zoom. We will begin a new book **Jesus and the Disinherited** by Howard Thurman (1976). Although published a while ago, it was a favorite of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

You are welcome to check the public library or purchase the book on your own. Amazon shows it at \$15. If you are interested in joining in please contact Marcie Weissner at marcie5073@aol.com or Marj Sapp at marj.sapp@gmail.com.

Memoirs Class: The new 6-week Memoirs Class will begin on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. The class will meet from 2:30 pm-4:30 pm in the Session Room. It's a great way to become motivated to write some of your life's stories and to listen to the stories that people are comfortable sharing during our time together. This fellowship will be a time of pure joy as we work together and learn about each other.

The HeBrews: Hey fellas, this one is for you! If you've been looking for a **laid-back** way to connect and break into John Pavlovitz's book *A Bigger Table* with over 20, 30, or 40-ish guys in the church community, HeBrews is for you. Join Pastor Max and Rev. An on Sunday mornings for coffee and conversation beginning on January 15th. We'll gather at 9:45 AM and then head to worship following. Look for more details, like topics, childcare, room choice, etc., coming your way soon.

And moms, don't be discouraged. We have something up our sleeve for you, too! ("Momosas," perhaps? Hmmm) If you'd be interested in helping this take root, please let Pastor Max or Pastor Carrie know.

Ecological Midweek Study: In preparation for our next Tough Talk, we will have a three-week study into Trisha Tull's book titled *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, The Bible, and The Ecological Crisis*. This study will be held on January 18th, January 25th, and February 1st from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. culminating in the Tough Talk, which will be held on February 8th all through Zoom. In these discussions, we will explore various topics discussed throughout the book in preparation for Trisha Tull's Tough Talk. For more information, contact Pastor Max Michaels (mmichaels@firstpresfortwayne.org) before the study, and he will make arrangements to set you up for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

THE ARTS

Biennial Parish Art Exhibition: Calling all First Presbyterian artists—painters and potters, poets and short story writers, sculptors and fiber artists—all you creative people! The First Presbyterian Biennial Parish Art Exhibition will be this coming spring, March 24-May 21.

Start thinking about what you'd like to exhibit. Get out the paints! Fire up the kiln! Stitch or write away these winter days! Of course you may exhibit anything that has not been in a previous parish show.

We will start collecting art work March 1. Watch for future information bulletins. Contact Sarah Savage with any questions: savage2426@gmail.com, 260-482-5112.

Purdue Bells Concert: On Sunday, January 15th at 4:00pm, the Handbell Musicians of America in our region will be hosting an *Inspiring College Event* handbell concert in the Theatre. College students from the region and Purdue Bells will be traveling to Fort Wayne to rehearse and present this concert under the direction of Joe Gaylon. The concert is free and open to the public. We look forward to joining together to enjoy this community event.

FELLOWSHIP - DINNER GROUPS

Downtown Dinner Group: It's that time again! Dinner Time! The Downtown Dinner Group will meet on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:30pm at Hall's Guest House (305 E. Superior St.). Please RSVP to Joyce McGiffin at (260) 409-2426 or by email at krinks52@hotmail.com. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

North Dinner Group: Call me, but don't call me late for dinner! Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday January 9, 2023 at 5:30pm for dinner at The Factory Restaurant (5811 Coldwater Road). Please RSVP to Sondra Mergenthal at (260)437-9892 or by email at lisoninc@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you!

South Dinner Group: Do you hear that? It's the sound of the dinner bell! Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:30pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Stephen Ministry: The Stephen Ministry Support Group will meet on January 11 from 7:30 - 9:30 via zoom. This is to accommodate a Stephen Minister Leader who has another meeting at church that night.

Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship: We will continue to meet following the same schedule through 2023. Monday in room 302. Set up from 2:00pm-3:00pm and meeting from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Look for all meeting times in the calendar online or on the back of the bulletin.

Be sure to look for your favorite ongoing class or activity in the calendar on the back page! Bible studies, faith and fibers, table talks, exercise, will be listed there every week.

Hearing Loop: To use the “Hearing Loop” during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the “T,” T-Coil or telephone position. For questions, please call Bill Patterson at 260-609-9696.

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK!

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm and Friday, 9:00am — 12:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 10:45am Childcare, NR
- 11:00am Worship Service, Communion, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, Communion, CH
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 12:17pm Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

- 1:00pm Stephen Leader Team Meeting, SM/O

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

- 9:30am (PEO 2), 302
- 10:00am Staff Meeting, SR
- 10:30am Soccer Shots, FH
- 4:00pm Congregational Life Team Meeting, SR
- 5:00pm Deacons Team Meeting, PR
- 5:00pm Mission Team Meeting, SR
- 7:00pm CYF Committee Meeting, ZM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2023

- 9:00am Staff In Service Training
- 10:30am Day School Chapel, CH
- 11:30am (PEO 3), GL
- 6:00pm (Music Together), MR
- 7:00pm PFW Treble Chamber Singers Rehearsal, SC

THURSDAY JANUARY 12, 2023

- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

FRIDAY JANUARY 13, 2023

- 9:20am Day School Music Class, MR
- 11:30am (Toastmaster's), PR
- 2:30pm Center Grove Concert Choir (IMEA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

- 8:00am PFW Treble Choir Singers Warm Up, SC
- 9:00am PFW Treble Choir Singers Performance, SC
- 10:30am IUSB Meadowlarks Warm Up, SC
- 11:30am IUSB Meadowlarks Performance, SC
- 12:30pm Bradley Chorale Warm Up, SC
- 1:30pm Bradley Chorale Performance, SC
- 3:00pm Concordia Lutheran Choir Warm Up, SC
- 4:00pm Concordia Lutheran Choir Performance, SC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 10:45am Childcare, NR
- 11:00am Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:15am Sunday School, 210
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chapel	MH/E	McKay Hall East	PR	Parlor
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH/W	McKay Hall West	SB	Sanctuary Balcony
CN	Chapel Narthex	MF	McKay Foyer	SC	Sanctuary
CY	Courtyard	MH	McKay Hall	SDR	Small Dining Room
DS	Day School	MR	Music Room	SM/O	Stephen Ministry Office
FH	Fellowship Hall	NP	North Parking Lot	SR	Session Room
FO	Front Office	NX	Narthex	TH	Theater
GL	Gallery	NR	Nursery	YL	Youth Lounge
KT	Kitchen	OS	Offsite	ZM	Zoom